

County joins with Fire Districts to break ground on new Training Facility

In an innovative effort with the Fire Districts in Boone County, the Boone County Fiscal Court broke ground last evening on a new 3.5 million dollar Fire Training Center on Conrad Road within the Boone County Public Safety Complex. The state of the art facility will include a four story burn tower, and will eventually include other training facilities and equipment as additional funding becomes available.

The training center is the culmination of over 20 years of work and planning by Fire Districts to develop better facilities for training fire personnel in live fire scene and rescue situations. Under this cooperative agreement, Boone County will hold the bonds for the project, coordinate the bidding and construction, and provide 20 acres within the Public Safety Complex for the facilities. The Fire District will contribute to the costs based on the total property assessment within each District's boundary. The County also donated \$25,000 to the cost of the project.



County Commissioners join District Fire Chiefs in breaking ground on new Facility

Commissioners Cathy Flaig, Charlie Kenner and Terri Moore joined with the Fire Chiefs and Firefighters throughout the County in celebrating the ground breaking. Commissioner Flaig reflected on the cooperation of all parties in making the center a reality, while County Administrator Jeff Earlywine noted that the facility is a good example of the sum of the whole being greater than the sum of the parts.

Chief Mike Giordano of the Point Pleasant Fire District, who serves as training coordinator for the Boone County Fire Chiefs Association, indicated the new facility will enhance many aspects of the firefighters training regime including attack, rescue and fire ground command.

Construction for the project should be completed by the end of the year.



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